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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY

1. KIM TAE-CHUNG , HAM SOK-HONHT AND 14 OTHERS WHO SIGNED NOVEMBER 27 "NATIONAL DECLARATION FOR THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY" MET DECEMBER 25 TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH A "NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY" (NCRD). THE COUNCIL STRUCTURE AND COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED AT THE MEETING.

2. PRESS QUOTES TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN, LAWYER YI PYONG-NIN, AS SAYING THE COUNCIL IS A PAN-NATIONAL NON POLITICAL ORGANIZATION FOR RESTORATION BASIC ORDER OF DEMOCRACY, INCLUDING CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION AND REPEAL OF "EVIL LAWS." POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS WILL PARTICIPATE AS INDIVIDUALS RATHER THAN AS PARTY REPRESENTATIVES.

3. THE SUPREME BODY OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE A NATIONAL CONVENTION WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THE THOUSANDS; A NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF 500 IS PROJECTED TO REPRESENT THE FULL SPECTRUM OF THE LARGER CONVENTION. THE POLICY DIRECTION OF THE COUNCIL WILL COME FROM A "DELEGATES COMMITTEE" (TEN MEMBERS), WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF 18 "ADVISORS." DAY-TO-DAY ADMINISTRATION  
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WILL BE PERFORMED BY A STEERING COMMITTEE.

4. THE DELEGATES COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE:

YUN HYONG-CHUNG      CATHOLIC PRIEST, FORMER PRESIDENT OF  
OS      KYONGHYANG SHINMUM

HAM SOK-HON      RELIGIOUS LEADER

YI PYONG-NIN      LAWYER, AMNESTY KOREA BRANCH MEMBER

KANG WON-YONG      MINISTER, KYONGDONG CHURCH, DIRECTOR  
OF ACADEMY HOUSE

CHON KWAN-U      FORMER EDITOR TONGA ILBO

KIM CHONG-HAM      FORMER PUSAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF  
LITERATURE

YI TAE-YONG      LAWYER, WIFE OF CHONG IL-HYONG

KIM YONG-SAM      NDP PRESIDENT

YANG IL-TONG      DUP CHAIRMAN

KIM CHOL      USP CHAIRMAN

5. ADVISERS INCLUDE KIM TAE-CHUNG, FORMER PRESIDENT  
YUN PO-SON, CARDINAL KIM SU-HWAN, AND AN ASSORTMENT OF  
NOW AGING STALWARTS OF EARLIER KOREAN POLITICAL AND  
SOCIAL SCENE.

6. DRP POLICY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED TO EMBOFF  
DECEMBER 26 THAT NDP CHAIRMAN KIM YONG-SAM WAS CLEARLY  
BEING PERMITTED ONLY MINIMAL ROLE IN NEW NCRD. ALTHOUGH  
HE DID NOT SAY SO DIRECTLY, HE IMPLIED THAT, FROM  
GOVERNMENT STANDPOINT, NCRD MIGHT AT LEAST SERVE FUNCTION OF  
FURTHER FACTIONALIZING THE OPPOSITION AND PROVIDING  
OPPOSITION ELEMENTS WITH MORE MODERATE ALTERNATIVE TO  
CONFRONTATION-PRONE KIM YONG-SAM. PRESS DECEMBER 26 QUOTES  
KIM YONG-SAM AS DECLINING MEMBERSHIP DELEGATES COMMITTEE DUE TO  
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BUSY SCHEDULE. KIM REPORTEDLY SAID HE IS WILLING TO SERVE  
AS AN ADVISOR TO THE COUNCIL.  
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